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INTRODUCTION OF GARUDA CELLULAR SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has introduced the `Garuda` cellular phone scheme in some cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and areas covered under the scheme so far;

(c) Whether this scheme compare favorably with the cellular phone scheme of private companies already in operation; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has introduced the `Garuda` phone service in National Capital Territory of Delhi on 22.10.2001.

(c) `Garuda` is a basic telephone service operational in service area of Delhi Telephones with limited mobility whereas the telephone provided by Cellular Service Operators including MTNL`s Dolphin service can be taken anywhere in India and abroad by subscribers having roaming facility and hence cannot be compared.

(d) Does not arise.